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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE Forty-second Annual Convention of the National Educational Association will be held in Boston, Mass., July 6-10, 1903.

Rates.—A rate of one fare for the round trip, plus the \$2 membership fee, has been granted by the railway lines of the New England Passenger Association, the Passenger Department of the Trunk Line Association, and the Central Passenger Association, and will doubtless be concurred in by all other railway associations of the United States and Canada. *Tickets will be extended for return until September 1* on the usual deposit plan.

The local committees.—The local convention committees at Boston are now fully organized and have already formed extensive plans for the business and the entertainment of the convention.

The state Directors of New England will meet in Boston, February 17, to formulate plans for systematic co-operation with the local committees.

The American Institute of Instruction will also co-operate by keeping open house on Copley square, during convention week, for the entertainment of visiting members of the association.

Edward R. Warren, of Boston, has been appointed secretary and chairman of the Local Executive Committee, and, with his several associates, will have entire charge of all local convention interests.

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In addition to the hotels and boarding-houses, the homes of the Back Bay district adjacent to Copley square, and of other desirable sections of Boston, will be opened at reasonable rates to any extent necessary to accommodate all who may attend the convention.

The student population of Boston is so large, especially in the vicinity of Copley square, that abundant accommodations are assured during the vacation months of July and August.

Local excursions.— Unusual opportunities will be furnished members for visiting the various points of interest in and about Boston. To this end all sessions of the convention will be held in the forenoons and evenings only, leaving the afternoons free for recreation and excursions.

Among the excursions already planned may be mentioned a "Harvard afternoon," with rare opportunities for inspecting the treasures and enjoying the atmosphere of this great university. Tally-ho rides, steamer, railway, and trolly excursions to various points of interest will also be arranged for each afternoon of convention week. These excursions will be under the direction of the local convention committees and will be provided with a

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All department meetings will occur in the mornings, and the general sessions in the evenings, thus bringing the department sessions into unusual prominence. In view of this arrangement a meeting of the department presidents was recently held in Boston for conference with President Eliot to arrange the most profitable programs for department meetings.

Side trips.—The railway and steamship lines terminal in Boston give assurances of extensive and attractive excursions, following the convention, at low rates, to all the seacoast, island, mountain, and lake resorts of New England, and of eastern Canada, including Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland.

The outlook.—Assurances come from every quarter that the Boston convention will be the largest in the history of the association. No effort will be spared by the citizens of Boston, the local convention committees, and the officers of the association to make it also the best.

All active members are especially requested to co-operate with their respective state directors in organizing parties for the Boston convention.



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Bulletins.—The Program-Bulletin will be issued April 1, and will contain data as to railroad and hotel rates, excursions, rates of living at the New England resorts, and full details as to the convention programs.

Correspondence.—Application for entertainment in Boston, or for other local information, should be addressed to EDWARD R. WARREN, Secretary Local Executive Committee, Room 701, No. 60 State Street, Boston, Mass. For information regarding railroad rates, programs, membership, and other association interests, apply to the undersigned.

IRWIN SHEPARD,
General Secretary N. E. A.,
Winona, Minn.

THE twelfth annual meeting of the Harvard Teachers' Association was held on Saturday, March 7, in Sever Hall, Harvard University. The topic for discussion was: "The Time Limit of Secondary Education and Expenditures for Education." The speakers were Thomas M. Balliet, superintendent of schools in Springfield; George I. Aldrich, superintendent of schools in Brookline; William C. Collar, head master of the Roxbury Latin School; Charles J. Lincoln, head master of Dorchester high school; Edwin P. Seaver, superintendent of schools, Boston; Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, Arlington Street Church, Boston; and Robert A. Woods, head of the South End House, Boston.

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